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REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed in the above-referenced case on 05/24/06. Claims 18, 20, 22, 24 and 25 are standing for examination. The Examiner has rejected claims 18, 20, 22 and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tonnby (USP 6320857) hereinafter Tonnby in view of Reimann (USP 5892764) hereinafter Reimann.

In response to the Examiner's rejections and statements, applicant herein amends the claims to more particularly point out the innovative functions available at the user's end not taught or suggested in the art presented by the Examiner.

Applicant amends independent claims 18, 20, 22 and 24 to include the automatic ability of initiating the system with the user's simple act of logging on to his/her ISP. The ISP then programs the SCP in the PSTN to forward calls to a specific number at the ISP and the operating software is distributed on the user's Internet appliance, the SCP in the PSTN and the ISP.

Applicant argues that in the art of Tonnby, user A starts the telephony application 11. Next the telephony application logs on to the telephony server. To this end the telephony application establishes an IP link 14A, 15 to the telephony server 10. The IP link 15 is using any of the connections (not shown) between the IP access server and the telephony server. When the telephony application logs on to the telephony server it passes user A's telephone number as well as the IP address of user A's computer to the telephony server. The telephony server now establishes a temporary relation between user A's telephony number and the IP-address of user A's computer. The temporary relation will last for the duration of the telephony application session and is released when the telephony application session ceases.

Applicant argues that Tonnby clearly fails to teach applicant's claim limitations in the independent claims, as amended. Tonnby fails to teach distributed software at the SCP in the PSTN. Tonnby also fails to teach the automatic launch of the invention when the user accesses the Internet, as claimed.

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Therefore, applicant believes that independent claims 18, 20, 22 and 24, as amended, are patentable over the art of Tonnby and Reimann. Dependent claim 25 is patentable on its own merits, or at least as depended from a patentable claim.

Applicant respectfully requests the application be reconsidered and passed quickly to issue. If there are any time extensions due beyond any extension requested and paid with this amendment, such extensions are hereby requested. If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid with the present amendment, such fees are authorized to be deducted from deposit account 50-0534.

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